

Registrars of Voters

Voter Registration

Follow Connecticut General Statutes, Regulations, and SOTS Best Practices on Voter Registration

Adhere to the Secretary of the State (SOTS) Yearly Calendar on Voter Registration

Register voters and maintain the CT Voter Registration Database

Participate in all SOTS mandated systems training sessions on Voter Registration

Attend bi-annual ROVAC conferences, participate in SOTS Certification process, and continue education courses, all as required by law

Provide voter registration information to candidates and campaigns

Educate Darien youth on the importance of participation in our democracy by registering to vote and participating in the electoral process

Provide assistance to candidates and their campaigns on ballot measures, voting districts, and political jurisdictions in a fair and unbiased manner

ELECTIONS

Follow Connecticut General Statutes, Regulations, and SOTS Best Practices on Elections

Follow and adhere to the SOTS Yearly Calendar on Elections

Conduct federal, state, and local elections in Darien, according to year

Participate in all SOTS mandated systems training sessions on Election Day Management System Reporting (EMS) & IVS (Assisted Voting)

Conduct mandated voting machine and ballot testing prior to each election

Continually update poll worker training materials and office practices in accordance with revised Election Laws

Recruit and train poll workers for specific poll sites and poll locations prior to election events

Provide information to candidates regarding the nomination process, including petitions

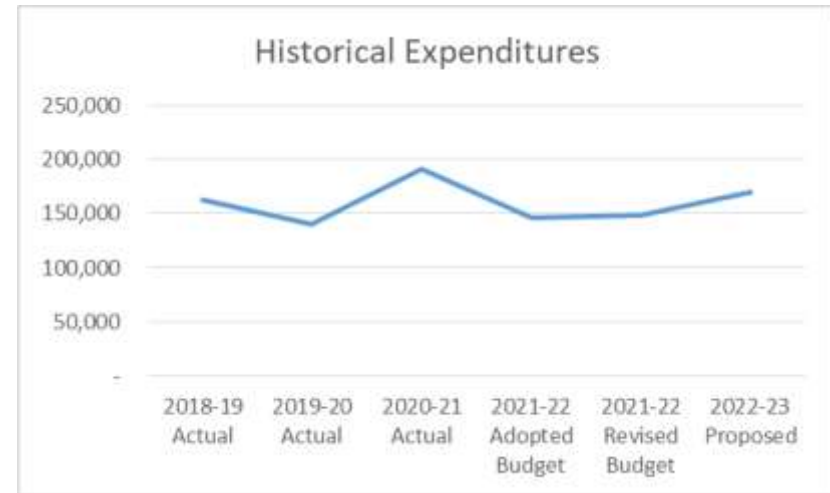
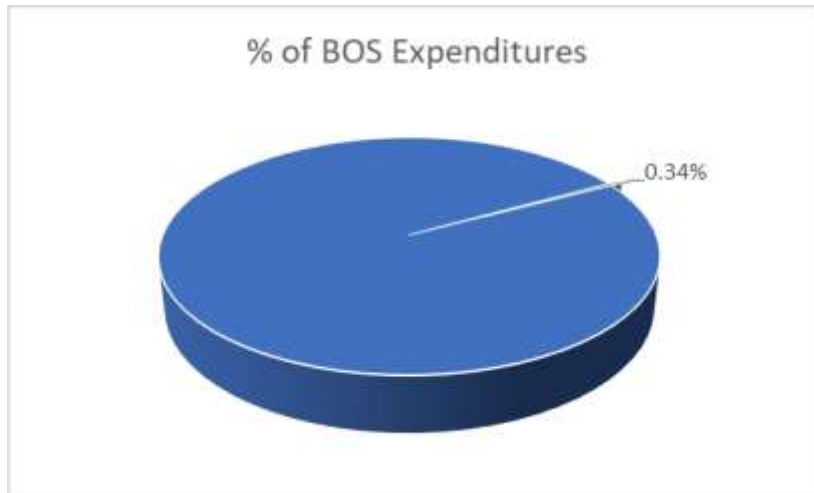
Procure, maintain, assemble and disassemble all suitable polling places and locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes

Conduct maintenance of Voting machines and organization of all Election Materials post-election

Eliminate barriers to participation in the democratic process

Provide assistance to candidates, proponents and opponents of ballot measures and political jurisdictions in a fair and unbiased manner

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Accomplishments 2020-2021

- Held a successful contested Municipal election with a 48% turnout.
- Provided a COVID secure voting environment for both Voters and poll workers

Objectives 2022-2023

- Prepared a 2022-2023 budget that addressed the 10-year redrawing of US Congressional and CT Senate and Assembly district lines.
- To prepare a local town voting plan to address the local impact on the 10-year redrawing of US Congressional and state legislative district lines.

Five Year Outlook

The on-going discussion with SOTS regarding procurement of electronic poll books and election results systems was put on hold during the Covid-19 Pandemic, but we expect discussions to resume after the current health crisis is resolved. We will request approval to purchase this equipment only if it is mandated by the state.

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Darien voter registration, election awareness, interest, and participation is at an all-time high. We expect this trend, an effect of the influx of new, younger residents to Town during the Pandemic, to continue through 2025.

We are awaiting Secretary Merrill's proposed poll worker legislation to determine the effects, if passed, on our internal processes.

As a result of the 10-year redrawing of Congressional and state legislative district lines in Connecticut, the impact of the changes on Darien voters as well as the Darien election budget will have to be monitored and adjusted. The adjustments will be dependent on a Darien RTM directive in response to the proposed ROV local voting plan.

Expenditures	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Actual	2021-22 Adopted Budget	2021-22 Revised Budget	2022-23 Proposed
Personnel	121,920	113,101	145,960	118,312	120,666	127,604
Contractual Services	33,464	24,420	39,031	23,575	23,575	36,720
Materials & Supplies	6,750	3,261	6,654	4,350	4,350	5,350
Total	162,134	140,782	191,646	146,237	148,591	169,674

	2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023 Proposed	
Staffing	<i># of positions</i>	<i>FTE's</i>	<i># of positions</i>	<i>FTE's</i>	<i># of positions</i>	<i>FTE's</i>	<i># of positions</i>	<i>FTE's</i>	<i># of positions</i>	<i>FTE's</i>
Registrar of Voters	2	1.00	2	1.00	2	1.00	2	1.00	2	1.00
Deputy Registrar of Voters	2	1.00	2	1.00	2	1.00	2	1.00	2	1.00
Total	4	2.00	4	2.00	4	2.00	4	2.00	4	2.00

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Estimate of total personnel costs based on FY2023 wages and benefits package. Medical and dental expenses are allocated based on number of benefit eligible positions. Only salaries are budgeted in the department. All other personnel costs are budgeted in Employee Benefits.

Base Wages	105,604
Medical & Dental	45,314
FICA	8,079
Other	835
Retirement	5,530
Total	<u>\$165,361</u>

Performance Measures	Actual 2017-2018	Actual 2018-2019	Actual 2019-2020	Actual 2020-2021	Projected 2021-2022	Projected 2022-2023
# of annual canvass mailings	510	462	571	433	600	600
% of canvass mailings put on Inactive	30%	46%	42%	77%		50%
Dual Primary Total election cost: cost per voter			\$31,000 \$14.40			
Presidential Primary Total election cost: cost per voter						
State and Federal Primary Total election cost: cost per voter				\$11,445 \$5.50		\$15,700
Presidential Election Total election cost: cost per voter			\$38,489 \$2.90			
Municipal Election Total election cost: cost per voter	\$17,100 \$8.50			\$22,365 \$3.24	\$20,000	\$30,752
State Election Total election cost: cost per voter		\$30,712 \$3.87				
Poll Worker Training Hours	30	25	60		30	60
# of Voter Registration drives / # of voters registered	2/150	4/375	25-Jan		1	1

